

REMARKS

This Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action of June 3, 2003, and is believed to be fully responsive thereto for reasons set forth below in greater detail.

Responsive to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claim 38 (Twice Amended) is presented to clarify and simplify the claim language and to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. It is noted that a telephone interview was conducted with Patent Examiner Miska on September 5, 2003, for which the Examiner is thanked. The present amendments to claim 38 were selected by the applicant, and differ slightly from those discussed during the telephone interview.

Responsive to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the claim amendments to claims 26, 27, 29, 36, 37 and 39-45 are resubmitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173, and claim 38 is amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), the status of all claims is as follows.

Original claims 1-23 have been cancelled.

New claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

New claims 26 and 27 have been amended once to present their subject matter in independent form.

New claim 28 has been cancelled.

New claim 29 has been amended once to incorporate therein the allowable subject

matter of new claim 30.

New claim 30 has been cancelled.

New claims 31-35 remain unamended.

New claims 36 and 37 have been amended once to obviate rejections under 35 USC 112.

New claim 38 has been amended twice to obviate rejections under 35 USC 112.

New claims 39 - 45 have been amended once to obviate rejections under 35 USC 112.

Responsive to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, a new DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.175 and a new SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION are enclosed herewith which refers to all of the claim amendments.

It is noted that several telephone interviews were conducted with Patent Examiner V. Miska on February 20, 2003, to ascertain how best to comply with the requirement in the previous Office Action for an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent. Pursuant thereto, a marked copy of amended claims 26, 27, 29 and 36-45 was attached to the AMENDMENT of March 17, 2003, indicating support in the original patent claims 1-23, copy also was attached to the AMENDMENT of March 17, 2003, with the citations in the amended claims being to original C (claim)____, P (paragraph)____, with the paragraph numbers being indicated on the attached copy of original patent claims 1-23, or the citations being to Co (column)____, L (lines)____, in issued U.S. Patent 5,933,392.

Those attachments to the AMENDMENT of March 17, 2003 also support the enclosed DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE.

Responsive to paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the original U.S. Letters Patent, are enclosed herewith.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Roch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being more prominent.

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Enclosure